

# Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management

## Texas State Operations Center



### Situation Awareness Brief



Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018  
As of 0900 CST

# Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

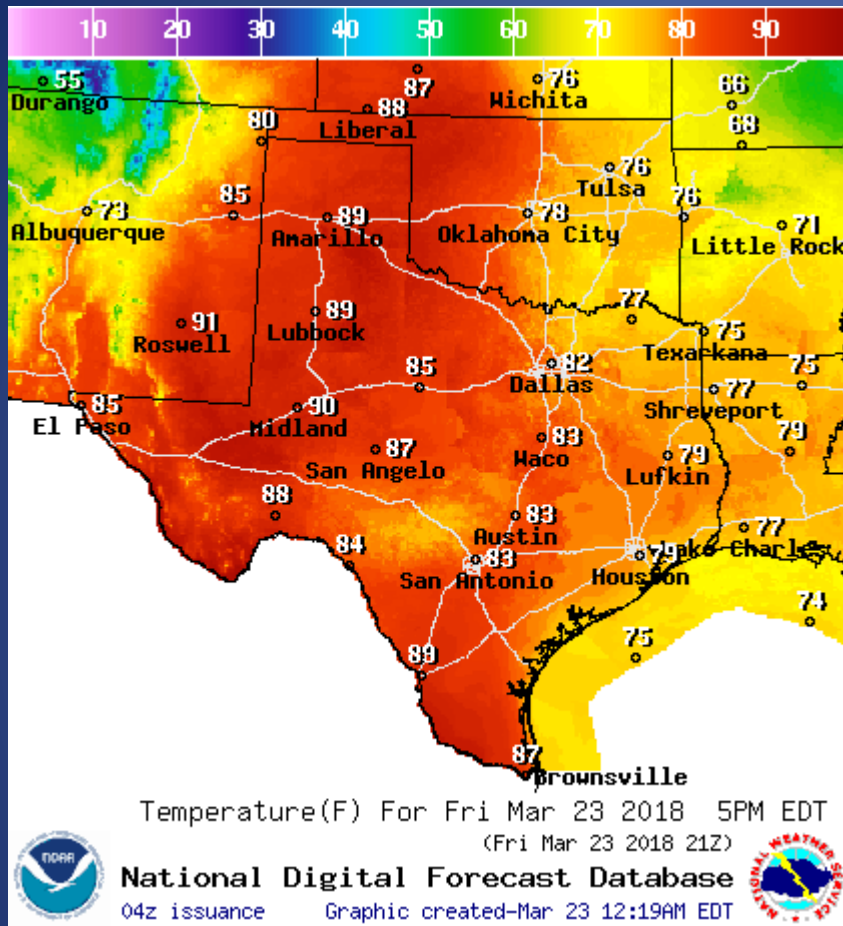
DATE	EVENT / INCIDENT	LOCATION (City/County)	Final Report: Y/N
03/22/18	Initial and Final of the Stevenson Road Fire	LaSalle County	Y
03/22/18	Initial Report of the Red Moore Fire	Grayson County	N
03/22/18	Update Report of the Red Moore Fire	Grayson County	N
03/22/18	Final Report of the Red Moore Fire	Grayson County	Y
03/22/18	Initial Report of the Woodpecker Fire	Brown County	N
03/23/18	Final Report of the Woodpecker Fire	Brown County	Y

# Informational Products

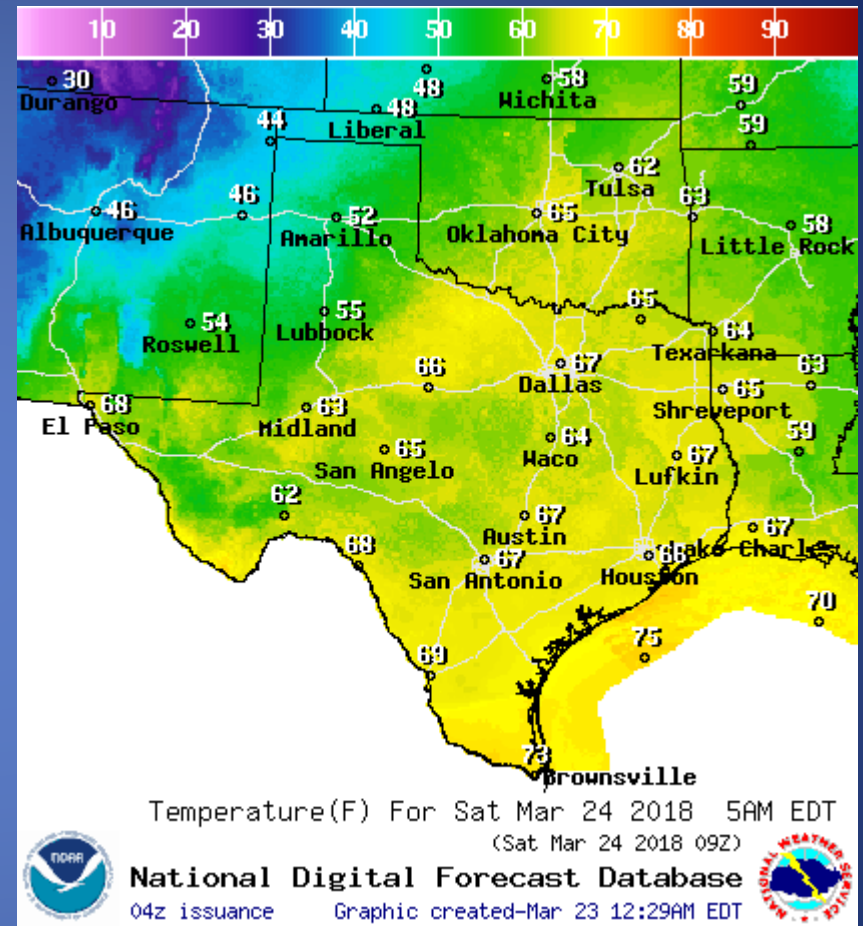
## Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT
03/22/18	NWS El Paso Weather Hazards Outlook Thursday
03/22/18	NWS Fort Worth- UPDATE: Severe Weather and Flooding Possible
03/22/18	Statewide Pre-Planned Events List for March 22, 2018
03/22/18	TX Pre-Planned Events Map March 22th, 2018
03/22/18	CALL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRESENTATIONS - 2018 Texas EMS Conference - Fort Worth
03/22/18	FEMA Region 6 RRCC Daily Situational Awareness Report
03/22/18	NWS Lake Charles Weekly Weather Update: 230 pm Thu
03/22/18	NWS Amarillo Friday Fire Weather
03/23/18	NWS Amarillo: Updated Fire Briefing
03/23/18	FEMA Region 6 Daily Situation Awareness Brief
03/23/18	Daily NWS Threat Brief for Friday, March 23, 2018 for FEMA Region 6

# Weather Forecast



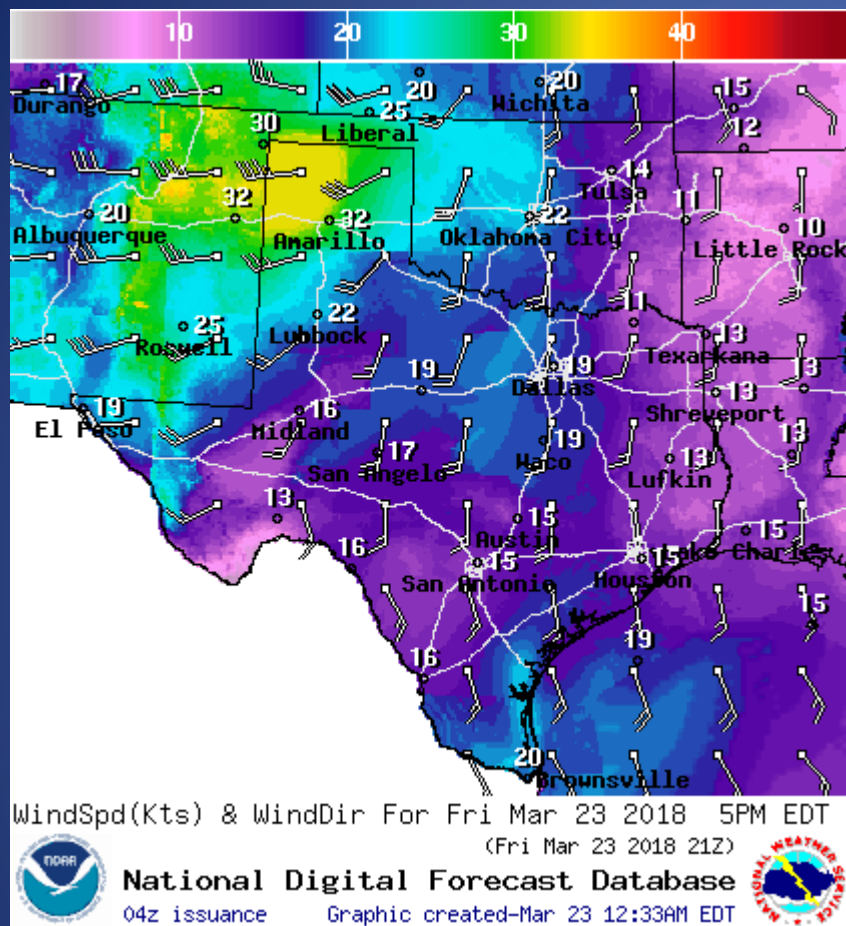
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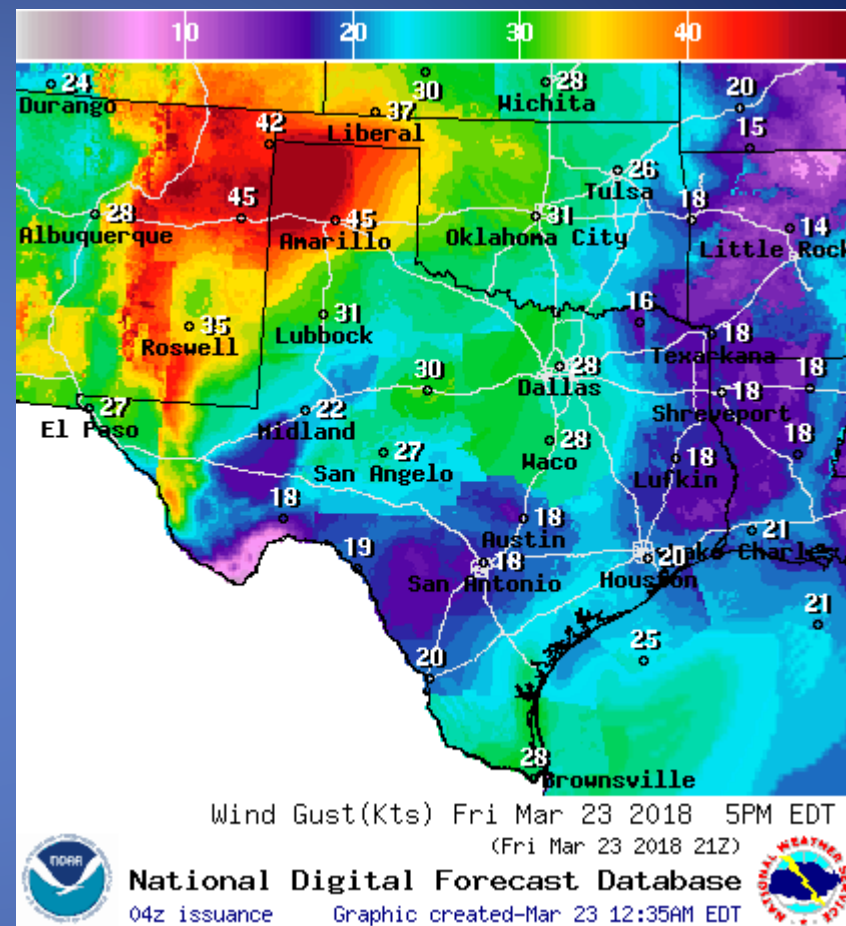
## Lows



# Weather Forecast



## Wind Speeds



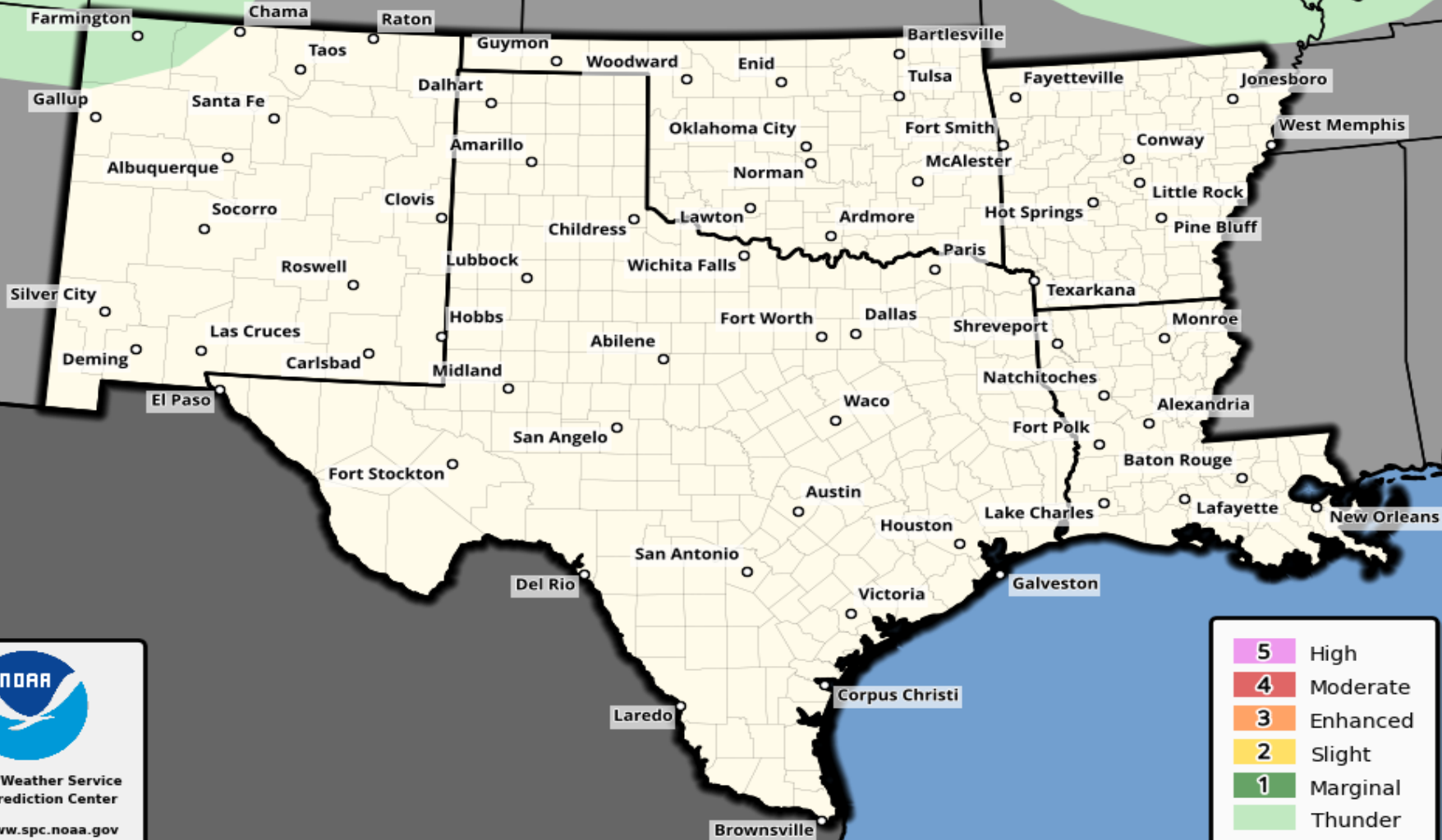
## Gusts

# Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Last Updated: Mar 23 2018 0714 AM CDT  
Valid Until: Mar 24 2018 0700 AM CDT

## Severe Weather Outlook Friday, March 23, 2018



National Weather Service  
Storm Prediction Center

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov>



# Hazardous Weather

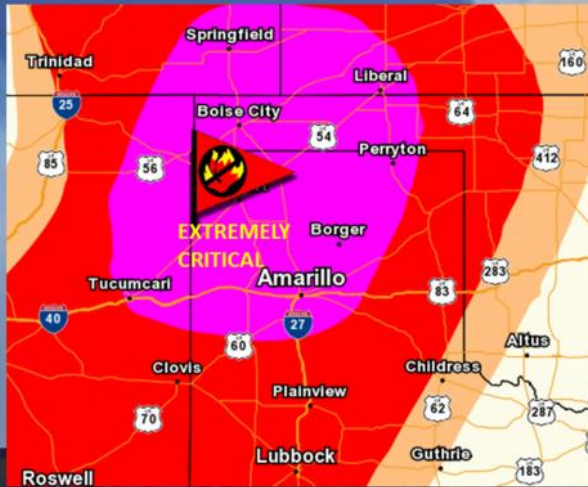
## Fire Weather Outlook

Critical to Extremely Critical

Weather Forecast Office  
Amarillo, TX  
Issued March 23, 2018 3:42 AM



**\*\*Red Flag Warning Issued for Friday afternoon through Friday evening across the entire TX/OK Panhandles\*\***



Strong southwest winds at 25-35 mph with gusts 40-50 mph in the afternoon

Relative humidity dropping to 8%-12%

Volatile fuels due to drought conditions

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Critical to extremely critical fire weather conditions are expected this afternoon and evening across all of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. Dry southwest and west winds gusting into the 40 to 50 MPH range are expected. A rogue gust up to 55-58 mph can't be ruled out in the far western Panhandles where a Wind Advisory has been issued for this afternoon. The Red Flag Warning has now expanded to include the eastern third of the combined Panhandles.

## Red Flag Warning

Friday Noon to 8 pm

Weather Forecast Office  
El Paso, TX  
Issued March 22, 2018 5:29pm MDT



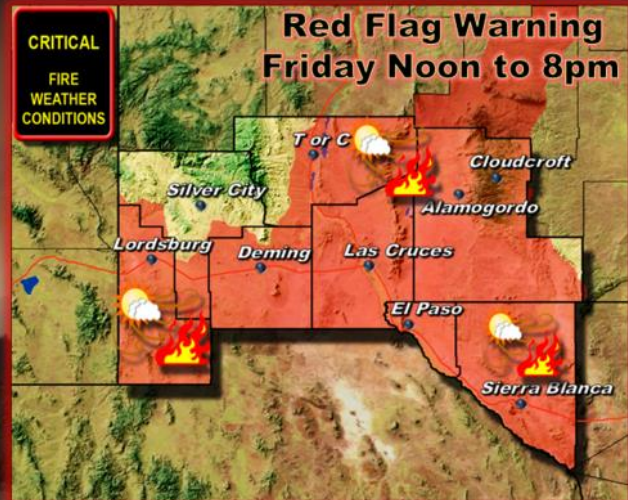
## Friday

🔥 Outdoor burning should not be done.

🔥 Be careful if you have to operate gas or electrical powered machinery outside.

🔥 Dry fuels already in place

🔥 Minimum RH expected  
**9 - 15%**



20-foot level winds from the west – southwest 20 to 30 mph with gusts up to 40 mph



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Winds aloft will strengthen over the region overnight and Friday, ahead of a fast moving system that will track over the southern rockies. Momentum mix down from these winds and development of a lee surface trough across eastern NM, will result in 20-foot sustained wind speeds 20-30 mph Friday from the west-southwest. Some gusts to 40 mph or even a little higher will be likely...particularly across the NM bootheel. With very low fuel moistures in place and high or greater fire dangers likely, critical fire conditions are expected Friday afternoon and possibly through Monday.

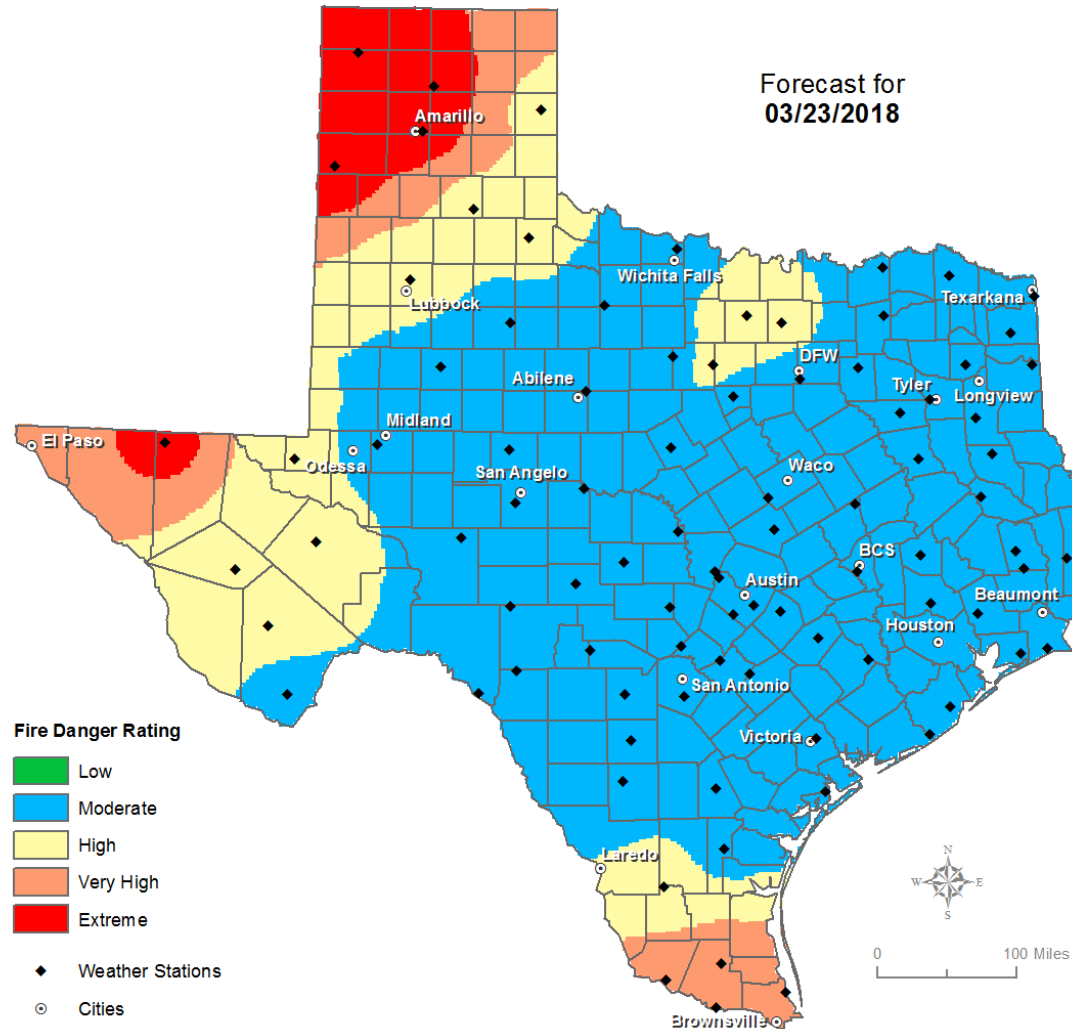
# Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
03/22/18	Flood Warning Continues/ Extended	South Sulphur River near Cooper Affecting Delta and Hopkins Counties; Sabine River near Deweyville affecting Newton and Orange Counties



# Fire Danger Forecast

## Forecast Fire Danger



# Burn Bans and KBDI INDEX

## OUTDOOR BURN BANS

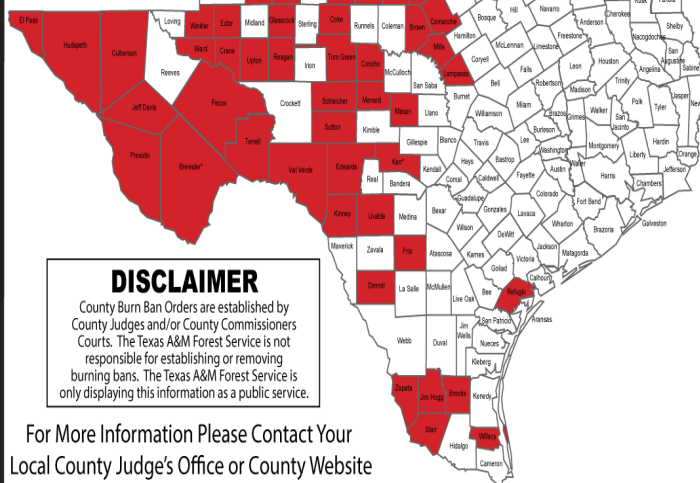
March 23, 2018



Email updates to:  
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu

### Counties with Burn Bans: 94

Armstrong  
Bailey  
Baylor\*  
Borden  
Brewster  
Briscoe  
Brooks  
Brown  
Callahan  
Carson  
Castro  
Childress  
Clay  
Cochran  
Coke  
Collingsworth  
Concho  
Crane  
Crosby  
Culberson  
Dallam  
Deaf Smith  
Dimmit  
Donley  
Eastland  
Ector  
Edwards  
El Paso  
Fisher  
Floyd  
Frio  
Garza  
Glasscock  
Gray  
Hall  
Hansford  
Hartley  
Hemphill  
Howard  
Hudspeth  
Hutchinson  
Jack  
Jeff Davis  
Jim Hogg  
Jones  
Kerr  
Kinney  
Lamb  
Lampas  
Lipscomb  
Lynn  
Martin  
Mason  
Menard  
Mills  
Montague  
Moore  
Motley  
Nolan  
Ochiltree  
Oldham  
Palo Pinto  
Parker  
Parmer  
Pecos  
Potter  
Presidio  
Randall  
Reagan  
Refugio  
Roberts  
Schleicher  
Scurry  
Sherman  
Starr  
Stephens  
Sutton  
Swisher  
Taylor  
Terrell  
Throckmorton  
Tom Green  
Upton  
Uvalde  
Val Verde  
Ward  
Wheeler  
Wilbarger  
Willacy  
Winkler\*  
Wise  
Yoakum  
Zapata



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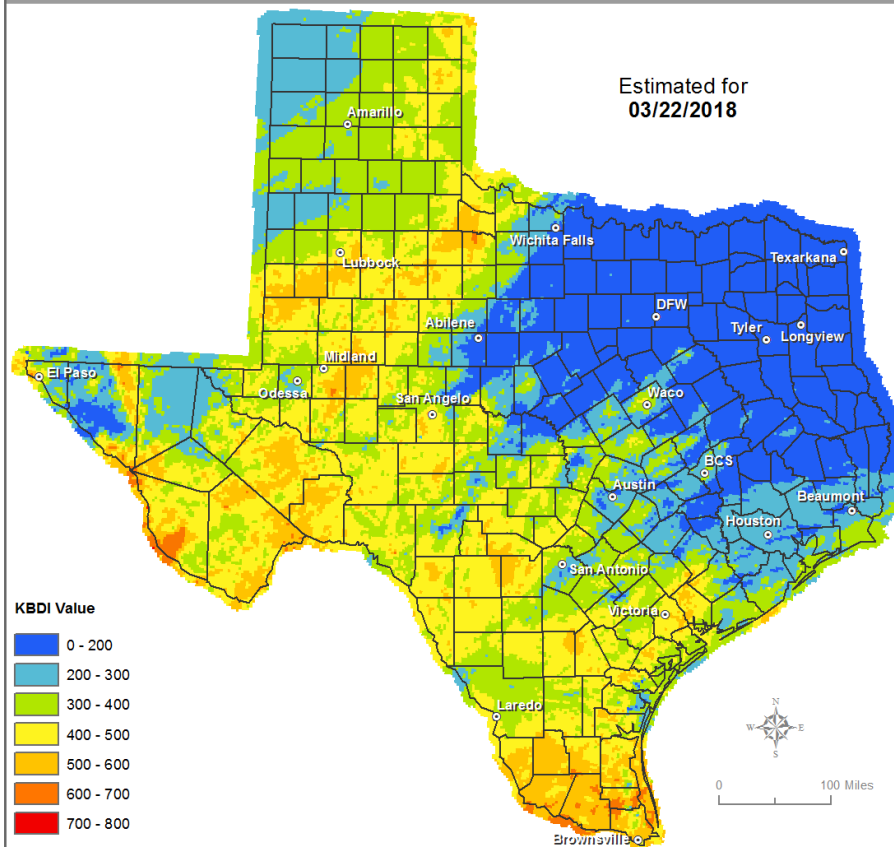
For More Information Please Contact Your  
Local County Judge's Office or County Website

RED FLAG WARNINGS: [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)  
Burn Ban RSS feed available at <http://tfsrpf.tamu.edu/wildfires/BurnBan.xml>

## Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for  
03/22/2018



KBDI Value  
0 - 200  
200 - 300  
300 - 400  
400 - 500  
500 - 600  
600 - 700  
700 - 800

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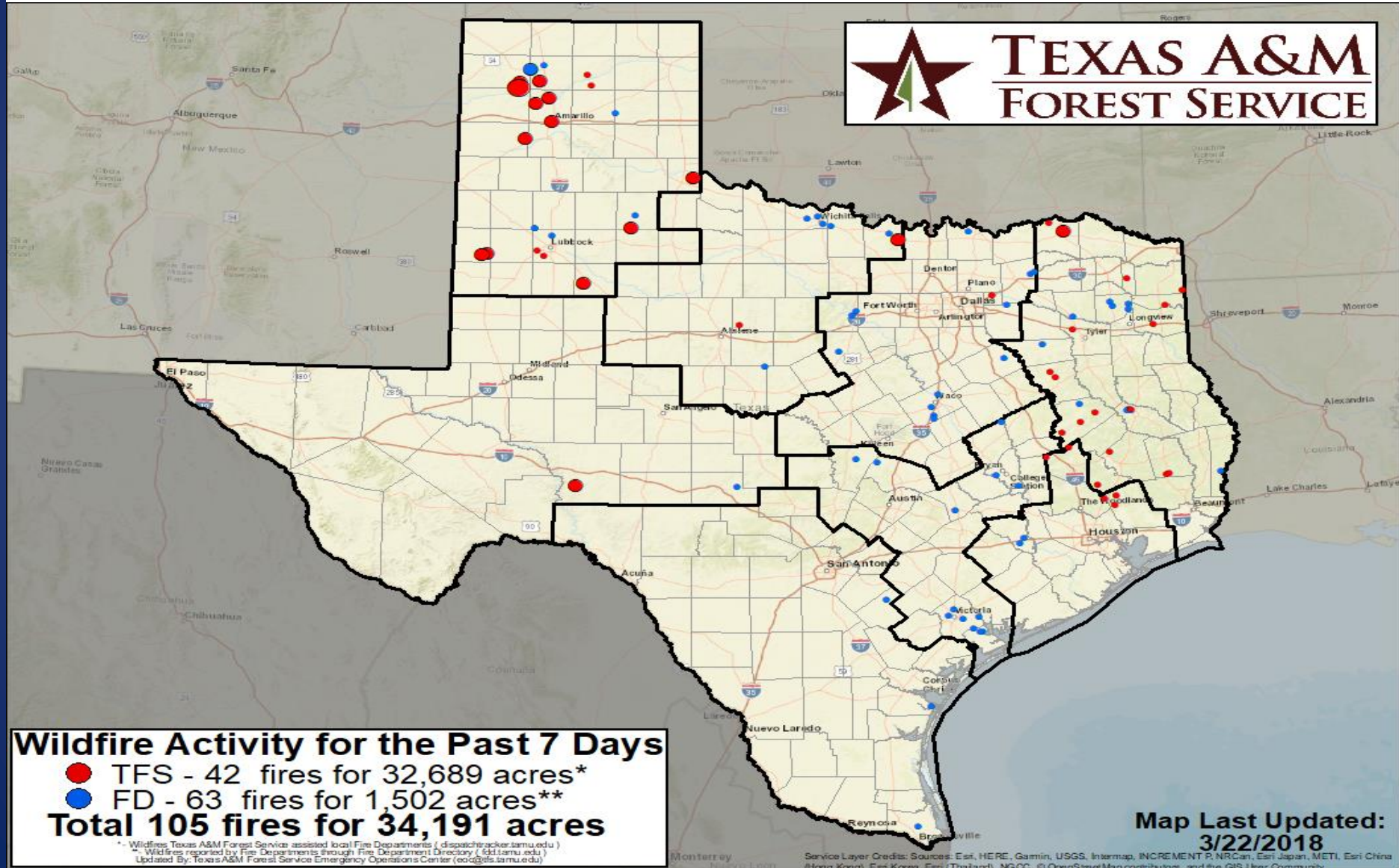
# Fire Weather Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
03/22/18	Red Flag Warning	Andrews, Borden, Crane, Davis, Dawson, Ector, El Paso, Gaines, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Reeves, Scurry, Ward and Winkler Counties
03/23/18	Red Flag Warning	Armstrong, Carson, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler Counties



# Fire Activity (\*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 271 (+4) fires and 57,936 (+21) acres destroyed this year. There are 94 (no change) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list 73 (+3) counties with an average over 400.



# Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
01/11/18	03/29/18	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Yorktown
03/13/18	04/10/18	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Stephenville
03/20/18	03/23/18	Debris Management	G-202	Bryan
03/22/18	03/23/18	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	G-400	Houston
03/23/18	03/23/18	Rapid Needs Assessment	G-557	Weslaco

# Exercises

DATE(S)		AGENCY/LOCATION	EXERCISE
03/23/18	03/27/18	City of Denton OEM/ City of Denton EOC	Denton IMT Logistics Section Seminar

## Statewide Significant Events

DATE(S)		LOCATION	EVENT
03/02/18	03/24/18	South Padre Island	Spring Break – SPI
03/12/18	03/26/18	Austin	Star of Texas Rodeo
03/21/18	03/24/18	San Antonio	Texas Transit Association: 2018 Conference, Expo, and Rodeo
03/23/18	03/25/18	Montgomery	National Guard Association of Texas: 59 <sup>th</sup> Annual NGAT Conference